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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Application No. 10/056,106
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Before Deborah L. Perry, Supervisory Paralegal Specialist, Review Team.

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 10, 2010. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing.

REQUEST TO REOPEN PROSECUTION

On February 9, 2009, Appellant filed a request to Reopen Prosecution based on the New Grounds of Rejection in the Examiner's Answer.

Under MPEP 1207.03, Appellant must either file a reply brief addressing each new ground of rejection or file a reply in compliance with 37 CFR 1.111 to request prosecution be reopened. The reply must be filed within two months from the date of the examiner's answer to avoid *sua sponte* dismissal of the appeal as to the claims subject to the new grounds of rejection. *See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure* (MPEP) § 1207.03 (8th ed. Rev. 6, Sept 2007) for details.

Because the Appellant timely filed a request to reopen prosecution, prosecution is reopened and the appeal is withdrawn. The application is returned to the Examiner to address the request.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to:

- 1) address Appellant's request to reopen prosecution; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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